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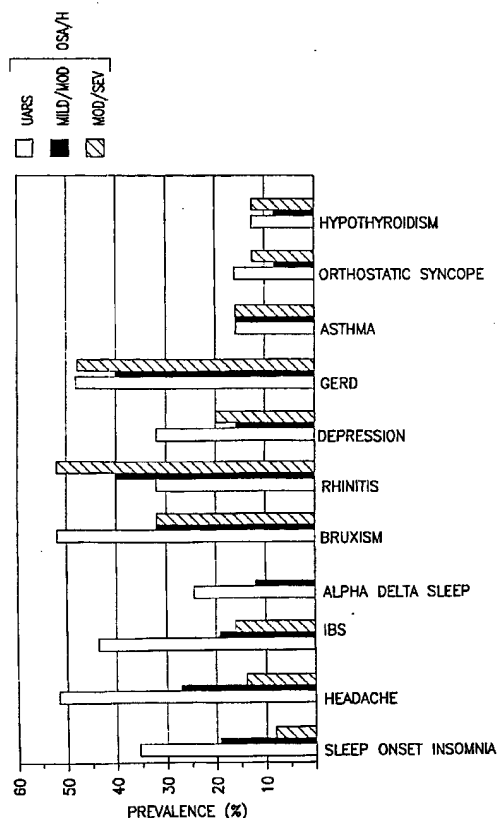
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(57) Abstract: The method of treating functional somatic syndromes includes identifying a patient as having a functional somatic syndrome or a symptom thereof and treating such a patient with an airway stabilization technique. Suitable airway stabilization techniques include positive airway pressure therapies, such as a CPAP treatment, and a mechanical airway stabilization device, such as an oral appliance, a tissue distending device, and a stimulation device. The method of diagnosing a sleep disorder includes determining whether a patient suffers from one or more symptoms of a functional somatic syndrome, and diagnosing such a patient having one or more symptoms of a functional somatic syndrome as having sleep-disordered breathing. The method may further include treating such a patient with an airway stabilization technique.

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